







# 1980 Census of Population and Housing

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## RHODE ISLAND

### Preliminary Population and Housing Unit Counts

*This report is based on preliminary counts of population and housing units as compiled in the 1980 census district offices. The series consists of 56 reports—number 1 for the United States; numbers 2 through 52 for the States and the District of Columbia in alphabetical order rather than in order of publication; and numbers 53 through 56 for Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Preliminary counts for the Northern Mariana Islands and the remainder of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands are not part of this series of reports. These counts will be made available in a separate press release issued for each area.*

As of April 1, 1980, the population of the State was 945,835, according to a preliminary count of the returns of the 1980 census. This figure represents a decrease of 3,888, or 0.4 percent, from the 949,723 inhabitants enumerated in the 1970 census.

The preliminary count of housing units in the State as of April 1, 1980, was 372,513. This figure, which includes both occupied and vacant housing units, represents an increase of 54,824, or 17.3 percent, from the 317,689 units enumerated in the 1970 census.

An increase in the housing unit count is not inconsistent with a decrease in population, as the average number of persons per occupied housing unit (or household) has declined since 1970.

This report presents preliminary 1980 census population and housing unit counts for the State, counties, county subdivisions, incorporated places, standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA's), and congressional districts.

For SMSA's which have component parts in another State(s), data shown in this report relate only to this State's portion. For the remainder of the SMSA data, see the appropriate State(s) report.

These preliminary figures will be superseded by the final counts to be shown in Advance Reports, series PHC80-V, which will be issued within the next few months. The final counts are subject to further processing and review and may differ from the preliminary figures.

An outline of the publication and computer tape program for the 1980 Census of Population and Housing can be obtained free of charge from the Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

**Symbols used in tables.** A dash "--" represents zero. Three dots "..." means not applicable, and "(NA)" means not available. The prefix "r" indicates that the count has been revised since publication of 1970 census reports.

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Table 1. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for the State by Counties and County Subdivisions: 1980 and 1970**

[Counts relate to areas as delineated at each census. Information on boundary changes will be shown in the PC80-1-A report for this State. For meaning of symbols, see text]

**The State  
Counties  
County Subdivisions**

	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970
The State .....	945 835	'949 723	372 513	'317 689
Bristol County .....	46 966	45 937	16 389	14 106
Borrlington town .....	16 181	17 554	5 407	5 044
Bristol town .....	20 165	17 860	6 828	5 519
Warren town .....	10 620	10 523	4 154	3 543
Kent County .....	153 957	142 382	57 061	45 116
Coventry town .....	26 985	22 947	9 520	6 970
East Greenwich town .....	10 208	9 577	3 608	3 046
Worwick city .....	87 064	83 694	32 491	26 219
West Greenwich town .....	2 725	1 841	1 014	762
West Worwick town .....	26 975	24 323	10 428	8 119
Newport County .....	81 371	'94 228	32 910	'27 639
Jamestown town .....	4 028	2 911	2 039	1 554
Little Compton town .....	3 086	2 385	1 695	1 329
Middletown town .....	17 251	'29 290	6 492	'4 901
Newport city .....	29 266	34 562	11 896	11 158
Portsmouth town .....	14 256	12 521	5 784	4 528
Tiverton town .....	13 484	12 559	5 004	4 169
Providence County .....	570 358	'581 470	225 466	'199 877
Burrillville town .....	13 098	10 087	4 612	3 168
Central Falls city .....	16 901	18 716	7 424	6 847
Cranston city .....	71 936	'74 287	27 300	'23 051
Cumberland town .....	27 009	26 605	9 151	7 851
East Providence city .....	50 960	'48 207	19 381	'15 494
Foster town .....	3 346	2 626	1 136	874
Glocester town .....	7 536	5 160	2 839	1 685
Johnston town .....	24 835	22 037	8 753	6 561
Lincoln town .....	16 904	16 182	6 344	5 215
North Providence town .....	29 216	24 337	11 357	7 701
North Smithfield town .....	9 931	9 349	3 518	2 806
Pawtucket city .....	71 033	76 984	29 730	27 864
Providence city .....	156 519	'179 116	67 522	'68 134
Scituate town .....	8 389	7 489	2 905	2 302
Smithfield town .....	16 869	13 468	5 120	3 835
Woonsocket city .....	45 876	46 820	18 374	16 489
Washington County .....	93 183	'85 706	40 687	'30 951
Charlestown town .....	4 793	2 863	3 066	1 971
Exeter town .....	4 510	3 245	1 417	795
Hopkinton town .....	6 396	5 392	2 264	1 693
Narragonsett town .....	12 097	7 138	6 597	4 778
New Shorehom town .....	610	489	1 010	752
North Kingstown town .....	21 855	'29 793	8 590	'7 336
Richmond town .....	3 992	2 625	1 390	830
South Kingstown town .....	20 411	16 913	8 128	6 020
Westerly town .....	18 519	17 248	8 225	6 776

Table 2. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for Incorporated Places: 1980 and 1970**

[Counts relate to incorporated places as delineated at each census. Information on boundary changes will be shown in the PC80-1-A report for this State. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Incorporated Places	Counties	Population		Housing units	
		1980 (prelim- inary)	1970	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970
Central Falls city -----	Providence -----	16 901	18 716	7 424	6 847
Cranston city -----	Providence -----	71 936	'74 287	27 300	'23 051
East Providence city -----	Providence -----	50 960	'48 207	19 381	'15 494
Newport city -----	Newport -----	29 266	34 562	11 896	11 158
Pawtucket city -----	Providence -----	71 033	76 984	29 730	27 864
Providence city -----	Providence -----	156 519	'179 116	67 522	'68 134
Warwick city -----	Kent -----	87 064	83 694	32 491	26 219
Woonsocket city -----	Providence -----	45 876	46 820	18 374	16 489



Table 3. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's): 1980 and 1970**

(Counts relate to SMSA's designated as of January 1, 1980. For meaning of symbols, see text)

SMSA's	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970
<b>FALL RIVER, MASS.-R.I.</b>				
That part of the area in Rhode Island .....	30 826	27 465	12 483	10 026
Newport County (pt.) .....	30 826	27 465	12 483	10 026
Little Compton town .....	3 086	2 385	1 695	1 329
Portsmouth town .....	14 256	12 521	5 784	4 528
Tiverton town .....	13 484	12 559	5 004	4 169
<b>NEW LONDON-NORWICH, CONN.-R.I.</b>				
That part of the area in Rhode Island .....	24 915	22 640	10 489	8 469
Washington County (pt.) .....	24 915	22 640	10 489	8 469
Hopkinton town .....	6 396	5 392	2 264	1 693
Westerly town .....	18 519	17 248	8 225	6 776
<b>PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET, R.I.-MASS.</b>				
That part of the area in Rhode Island .....	816 065	'816 917	319 281	'275 466
Inside central cities .....	314 616	'339 794	129 743	'122 217
Pawtucket city .....	71 033	76 984	29 730	27 864
Providence city .....	156 519	'179 116	67 522	'68 134
Warwick city .....	87 064	83 694	32 491	26 219
Outside central cities .....	501 449	'477 123	189 538	'153 249
Bristol County .....	46 966	45 937	16 389	14 106
Barrington town .....	16 181	17 554	5 407	5 044
Bristol town .....	20 165	17 860	6 828	5 519
Warren town .....	10 620	10 523	4 154	3 543
Kent County (pt.) .....	151 232	140 541	56 047	44 354
Coventry town .....	26 985	22 947	9 520	6 970
East Greenwich town .....	10 208	9 577	3 608	3 046
Warwick city .....	87 064	83 694	32 491	26 219
West Warwick town .....	26 975	24 323	10 428	8 119
Newport County (pt.) .....	4 028	2 911	2 039	1 554
Jamestown town .....	4 028	2 911	2 039	1 554
Providence County (pt.) .....	559 476	'573 684	221 491	'197 318
Burrillville town .....	13 098	10 087	4 612	3 168
Central Falls city .....	16 901	18 716	7 424	6 847
Cranston city .....	71 936	'74 287	27 300	'23 051
Cumberland town .....	27 009	26 605	9 151	7 851
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Narragansett town .....	12 097	7 138	6 597	4 778
North Kingstown town .....	21 855	'29 793	8 590	'7 336
South Kingstown town .....	20 411	16 913	8 128	6 020

Table 4. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for Congressional Districts: 1980 and 1970**

(Counts relate to congressional districts as delineated for the 96th Congress. For meaning of symbols, see text)

The State Congressional Districts	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970 <sup>1</sup>	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970 <sup>1</sup>
The State .....	945 835	'949 723	372 513	'317 689
First .....	464 011	475 441	181 132	155 207
Second .....	481 824	474 282	191 381	162 289

<sup>1</sup> Population counts for congressional districts are based on 1970 census complete-count data; housing unit counts are based on 1970 census sample data. These counts may not add to State totals because of post-1970 census corrections which were not assigned by congressional district and also because of sampling variability for housing unit counts.





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